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EXAMINING GROUP 2161**

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A RETENTION PERIOD FOR DATA IN A STORAGE SYSTEM  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.